

REMARKS

This submission is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in connection with the enclosed Request for Continuing Examination. This submission is responsive to the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action of February 16, 2010, for which a response is due on June 16, 2010 with the enclosed one-month extension of time.

In the Final Office, claims 14 – 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,784,482 (“Guilino”). Claims 14 and 23 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 14 – 28 remain pending. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

I. Independent Claims 14 and 23

Claims 14 and 23 have been amended to clarify that both the recited viewing region and carrier rim region are disposed on the rear face of the claimed spectacle lens.

In contrast, Guilino discloses a multi-focal lens with a high positive power, which has a convex front surface and a concave rear surface (i.e., inside surface 4). The convex front surface is an aspheric surface having a central focal section 1, a transitional section 2 surrounding the focal section 1, and a margin or rim section 3 which, together with the rear surface (inside surface 4), “forms an afocal margin of constant thickness with the inside surface 4.” Guilino, col., 3, ll. 18 – 23. In short, the rear surface is a simple, continuous surface, i.e., a surface which is not divided into any particular sections or zones.

II. Dependent Claims 15 and 24

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that Guilino further discloses the additional arrangement claimed in claims 15 and 24. However, as disclosed in Guilino, col., 3, ll. 18 – 23, the transition zone and the margin are ring-


formed, i.e., are separated from each other by a simple circular dividing curve, rather than by a (complex) dividing curve, as further defined in pending claims 15 and 24, respectively.

III. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant submits that Guilino fails to teach or disclose each and every claimed limitation and, as such, fails to anticipate the pending claims. Applicants further submit that the dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of depending on allowable base claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he have any questions. If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 100341.58126US).

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